



EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO.:

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 29914.701.408

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application	)	
	)	
Inventor(s): Mark A. REILEY et al.	)	
	)	Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 10/657,844	)	
	)	Examiner: David Isabella
Filed: September 9, 2003	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 2136
Title: Facet Arthroplasty Devices and Methods	)	
	)	

**ELECTION OF SPECIES AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the October 19, 2004 Office Action containing an Election of Species requirement. This response is being filed on January 19, 2005. A fee of \$225.00 for a two (2) month extension of time, which is effective till January 19, 2005, is being submitted and authorized herewith on the attached Form PTO/SB/17. Please enter the following amendments and remarks wherein:

1. **Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this response; and
2. **Remarks and Arguments** containing Applicant's response to the October 19<sup>th</sup> Election of Species requirement beginning on page 10.